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House Resolution No. 4479

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to recognize young men who have excelled during their association with the Boy Scouts of America program with its emphasis on physical, mental, and spiritual growth; self-reliance; personal values; service to others; and an appreciation and understanding of the wonderful natural world; and

Whereas, Christian T. "Scott" Ricks, III, of Troop 2 has successfully completed all of the stringent requirements for Scouting's highest advancement award, the rank of Eagle Scout, which will be bestowed upon him during an Eagle Court of Honor on January 9, 2005, at the Wesley Center of the University of Missouri-Columbia; and

Whereas, attainment of the Eagle Scout rank is dependent upon the sequential completion of each of the Boy Scout steps of Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, and Life, and expected troop service, a requirement admirably fulfilled by Scott through the billets of Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Troop Guide, and Troop Quartermaster; and

Whereas, diligent labors by Scott earned him a Mile Swim patch, Junior Leadership Training, induction into the Order of the Arrow, and twenty-three merit badges which are arrayed on his uniform sash as a visual illustration of the diverse skills and knowledge which he has acquired as a Boy Scout; and

Whereas, in keeping with Scouting practice, Scott applied the knowledge which he learned at troop meetings in many camping, hiking, and service activities, including a Rocky Mountain hiking trek, a Boundary Waters trip, and six Summer Camps; and

Whereas, Scott completed an Eagle Project which consisted of building five trash can containers for Thomas Jefferson Middle School to serve as a capstone to his Scouting career and to stand as a constant reminder of his dedication to serving others, an admirable trait which justifies the esteemed role which Scouting plays in today's society:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the outstanding achievements realized by Scott Ricks during his eleven-year-long sojourn with Scouting and to congratulate him for having the drive and energy necessary to attain the rank of Eagle; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for new Eagle Scout Christian T. "Scott" Ricks, III, son of Bonnie and Chris Ricks of Jefferson City, Missouri.

Offered by
Representative Mark J. Bruns
District No. 113
I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4479, adopted November 15, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker